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St. Paul Man Convicted of Federal Drug Charges Faces Life in Prison

Minneapolis - James Brock Williams, age 31, of St. Paul, Minnesota, has been convicted on federal drug charges and faces a mandatory sentence of life in prison for his crimes. Late in the afternoon of March 8, 2007, the jury returned its verdict, finding Williams guilty of conspiracy to distribute and possess with the intent to distribute more than fifty grams of crack cocaine, possession with the intent to distribute 66.3 grams of crack cocaine, and possession with the intent to distribute 54.8 grams of cocaine. The verdict followed a three-day trial before United States District Court Judge James M. Rosenbaum.

Evidence at trial showed that in June of 2006, Williams received a series of phone calls during which he agreed to sell four ounces to cocaine. On June 27, 2006, surveillance officers observed Williams arrive at the previously-established St. Paul transaction location. They then

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saw him produce the cocaine for the intended buyer. Officers immediately arrested Williams and recovered from him approximately 71 grams of crack cocaine as well as 56 grams of powder cocaine.

Because of Williams extensive criminal history and previous convictions, which include murder and two other felony drug convictions, he is facing a mandatory sentence of life in federal prison.

This case resulted from an investigation conducted by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration and the St. Paul Police Department. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Chris S. Wilton and W. Anders Folk.

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